

## **Dover Warrant Committee Minutes of the March 2, 2011 meeting**

**Members in attendance:** Peter Smith- Chairman, Andrew Waugh, Jane Wemyss, James Stuart, Kate Bush, Rich Forte, David Stapleton, David Melville, Maureen Arkle

**Location:** Dover Town House

Peter Smith called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Co-Presidents of the PTO Gina Doyle and Melisa Gramer presented warrant article 13 to amend Chapter 80 of the General Bylaw to permit the Dover PTO to serve alcohol at fundraising events at Chickering School.

Park and Recreation was represented by David McTavish, Director, and members Nancy Simms, Chairman, Scott Seidman, Rich Oasis. The discussion centered around the grounds maintenance budget and to begin to incorporate the true and total cost of maintaining the playing fields in their budget instead of working it through the Park and Recreation Revolving Fund. Park & Rec will raise participation fees by \$5 to \$20. It was suggested that Park & Rec gradually increase the line item for the playing field maintenance, commencing with a \$5,000 increase for FY 2012. The net cost to the Town will be zero, as the budget increase will be offset by a return of funds from participation fees.

Dover School Committee members Jennifer Bancroft DaSilva, Chair, Dawn Fattore and Valerie Spriggs, Superintendent of School presented the Chickering School budget. The preliminary budget is up 1.88% to \$8,246,055. Regular education is up \$46,064 (0.88%) and special education is up \$105,875 (3.72%). The budget reflects a reduction of 3FTE's (two aids and one office support staff). A question was asked how staffing decisions are made with regard to school population.

There was a Deficit Spending Request for \$100,000 from the Highway Department for snow and ice removal dated February 3, 2011. Mr. Smith moved that we approve the request, second by Mr. Waugh. Approved by a vote of 8-0.

There was a Deficit Spending Request for \$50,000 from the Highway Department for snow and ice removal dated March 1, 2011. Mr. Smith moved that we approve the request, second by Mr. Waugh. Approved by a vote of 8-0.

There was a prior notice from the Water Department for \$6,000 to study alternative water supplies for the Chickering fields. Mr. Smith moved that we approve the request, second by Mr. Waugh. Approved by a vote of 8-0.

The committee was informed that the Regional School waste water treatment plant cast has increased from \$350,000 to \$520,000.

The committee reviewed the draft of Revenue Sources and Expenditures dated March 2, 2010.

Jane updated the committee on the regional school budget and the Regional School Committee meeting with Sherborn Advisory. Sherborn Advisory is asking the Regional School Committee to work on a reduced budget from FY 2011. Advisory is asking for a \$311,000 reduction in their portion of the budget (\$670,000 for both towns). Mr. Smith reiterated Dover supports a LEVEL SERVICE budget and if it goes below that, we will not support it. Mr. Smith will contact Sherborn Advisory to clarify our position.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Stuart. Voted 8-0.

The next scheduled meeting is March 9, 2011 at the Dover Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Richard Forte, Jr.